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1. In line with other large enterprises where approximately one third of the employees are trained for civil defense duties, the hospital in Prague II¹ has ninety trained members who are divided into the following squads of fifteen persons each: first aid; firemen; chemical-warfare decontamination; communications repairs; water and gas supplies repairs; electricity supplies repairs.
2. The hospital has approximately 3,000 beds. To increase this number and to provide a sheltered section for emergency use, construction of a new underground ward was started in November 1952. This ward is located under the X-ray department and consists of ten rooms with twenty beds each, plus an operation theatre. The doors leading out onto the corridor are of iron and are approximately 10 cm. thick. As an additional precaution, the ceiling in the X-ray room is reinforced by an extra layer of concrete, 25 cm. thick.
3. The drive to provide an emergency blood reserve in Prague continues. There is no shortage of donors.
4. No stockpiling of bandages and other medical supplies has been noticed in the hospital and no emergency instructions for possible evacuation of the hospital have been issued.
5. The hospital does not possess its own electricity supply but it is now planned to construct a small power plant to supply the hospital with electric current when the power is cut off, which sometimes occurs in Prague.
6. There is a constant shortage of film in the X-ray department. Material imported from East Germany or made by the Prague plant "Foma"² is frequently found to be faulty. When a serious shortage occurs, films produced by the Hungarian firm "Forte"³ are used; these films are of very poor quality and at times important details are not visible on them.

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1. The 1952 Prague city telephone book lists the State Faculty Hospital in Prague (Statni facultni nemocnice v Praze) and a number of its units and clinics at addresses in Prague II.
2. The reference may be to a plant of Fotochema, National Enterprise. The 1952 Prague city telephone book lists the Pankrac-Aktin~~of~~ot Plant of Fotochema at Na Klikovce 3, Prague XIV.
3. The reference may be to the Forte photochemical factory in Vác, Hungary.

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